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**FREE SUSQUEHANNA BASIN  
STREAMSIDE CLEANUP TRAINING ACADEMY  
WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD**

**SRBC Teaches Steps To Organize a Cleanup Event**

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) today announced that it will conduct several workshops through the *Susquehanna River Basin Streamside Cleanup Training Academy*. The workshops are part of SRBC's on-going efforts to help non-profit organizations, municipalities and county conservation districts conduct streamside cleanup projects in the Susquehanna basin. Funding for these workshops is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and by PPL Corporation.

The workshops will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the following dates, and at the following places:

- September 29 – Best Western, 101 East Walnut St., Lock Haven, Pa.
- October 5 – Hometown Hotel, 108 Hellam St., Wrightsville, Pa.
- October 6 – Williamston Inn, Leisure Dr., Towanda, Pa.

Workshop registration materials and additional information are available at <http://srbc.net/sc-training.htm>. The registration deadline is September 15, 2005.

Workshop participants will receive a free sample kit of materials to use during their cleanup.

“The training academy is an essential component of our overall streamside cleanup program. Not only do we teach groups how to conduct successful cleanup events, they also learn how to sustain the cleanups by working within their communities to prevent reoccurring litter problems,” said Tom Beauduy, SRBC Deputy Director.

“The hallmark of the Susquehanna basin streamside cleanup program is the public-private partnership that funds and supports the overall initiative. The generous donations from DCNR and PPL Corporation, along with funds from the Department of Environmental Protection, are central to the ongoing partnership effort that is helping local communities to appreciate the importance of keeping our waterways clean.”

In order to provide guidelines for organizing a successful streamside cleanup event, the workshops will focus on several key issues including:

- How to raise funds and obtain donated services for a cleanup
- How to recruit volunteers and plan for their safety
- How to dispose of and recycle items collected during a cleanup
- How to highlight the education and community outreach benefits of the cleanup, to potential participants
- How to monitor the cleanup sites and dissuade future dumping there

Susan Auman of the Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance, Linn Conservancy, said of her past experience at a workshop: “The information presented in the SRBC workshop was extremely valuable. Why re-create the wheel when you have the chance to learn from people with extensive experience in Streamside Cleanups?”

“The workshop had a lot of useful information,” said Michelle Kirk, Program Administrator, Watershed Alliance of Adams County. “I was surprised at how much I learned. I thought a cleanup meant going out and picking up trash, but there are a lot of little things that you don’t think about that the workshops include. Definitely a worthwhile program!”

SRBC and the PPL Corporation (PPL) first partnered in streamside cleanup efforts in 1999, and their efforts were enhanced to include funding and training sessions for local cleanup events. This program is called the *Susquehanna River Basin Cleanup Training Academy and Assistance Program*. The Pennsylvania Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and Environmental Protection (DEP) and Buehler, Inc. have joined the partnership.

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